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OFFICE OF PETITIONS DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a), filed September 10, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment based on failure to receive an office action.

The petition is GRANTED.

Petitioner avers non-receipt of the non-final Office Action mailed on December 12, 2001. In support, Petitioner has provided the necessary statements and copies of the docket record where the non-received Notice would have been entered had it been received and docketed. Petitioner has demonstrated by a preponderance of the evidence that the Notice was not received.

The Notice of Abandonment is hereby withdrawn.

The non-final Office action, mailed December 12, 2001, will be re-mailed and a new time period for response will be set to run from the mailing date thereof.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1616 for re-mailing of the Office action to and restarting the time period for reply.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at $(703)\ 305-0014$.

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